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FROM US DEL

1. FOLL CAL ON FONMIN TACK TO TELL HIM US COULD NOT
ACCEPT PANAMA- PERU DRAFT RES ON CANAL ZONE, SCALI AND
BENNETT MET WITH FRENCH AMB DE GUIRINGAUD AND LECLERC.
FRENCH LISTENED CAREFULLY TO SCALI' S EXPLANATION OF OUR
POSITION ON CANAL ZONE RES AND DE GUIRINGAUD THEN COMMENTED
THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR OBJECTIVE. WHILE FRANCE
AS MATTER OF POLICY DID NOT CAST VETOES ON ISSUES ON
WHICH THEY NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED, HE WOULD TALK TO
PANAMA REP BOYD ABOUT HIS DISTASTE FOR EXISTING RES
SPONSORED BY PANAMA- PERU. HE RECALLED FRANCE, ALONG
WITH UK, HAD ABSTAINED ON INDIA- PAK RESES IN SC IN
DECEMBER 1971. HE SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD
TO STIR UP SUPPORT FOR OUR FALL- BACK RES UNDER
GUISE IT WAS HIS OWN COMPROMISE.

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2. DE GUIRINGAUD SAID HE WAS IN PROCESS DRAFTING HIS SPEECH FOR TOMORROW' S DEBATE AND WAS GOING TO MAKE CLEAR FRENCH LACK OF APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC RES TABLED TODAY BY PERU AND PANAMA. THIS WAS CLEARLY MATTER FOR ECOSOC AND SC HAD NO BUSINESS DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT MATTER. HE WOULD MAKE CLEAR HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THREE RESES ON COLONIALISM, NON-INTERVENTION, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE HAD NOT DRAFTED SECTION YET ON CANAL RES AND HAD KEPT HIMSELF " FLEXIBLE" UNTIL HE HEARD FROM US. HE HAS SHOWN INTERESTED AND HELPFUL ATTITUDE RE CANAL RES SINCE OUTSET OF MTG AND WAS ACTIVE OVER WEEKEND IN SEEKING ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE RES.

3. SCALI MADE OUR FALL- BACK LANGUAGE AVAILABLE TO FRENCH REP AND HE AGREED TO TALK WITH OTHERS AND ATTEMPT GET SUPPORT FOR IT AS COMPROMISE RES. HE WOULD ALSO APPROACH FONMIN TACK. HE SAID HE WAS SORRY WE COULD NOT ACCEPT STATEMENT OF U S WILLINGNESS TO ABROGATE 1903 CONVENTION SINCE HIS TALKS WITH PANAMANIANIS LED HIM TO BELIEVE THIS ITEM WAS OF CARDINAL IMPORTANCE TO THEM.
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